

Wintrob, Paul

Subject: Merrimack Station
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Organizer: Wintrob, Paul
Required Attendees: Houlihan, Damien; Gaito, Danielle; DeMeo, Sharon M.; Stein, Mark; Curley, Michael; Cooper-Wall, Sam; 'Pisano, Will'; Charlotte.Harris@mail.house.gov
Optional Attendees: Kenneth Moraff; Carl Dierker

Agenda

Introductions – Paul
Programmatic Update – Damien Houlihan
Q&A – Moderated by Paul

* See email chain below for additional info.

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Hi Sam,

Thank you for the additional context. This is helpful! I'm looping in my NPDES permit and New Hampshire EPA experts on this email. They will be able to address your inquiry.

Take care,

Karen.

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From: Cooper-Wall, Sam <Sam.Cooper-Wall@mail.house.gov>
Sent: Friday, February 19, 2021 2:18 PM
To: Thundiyil, Karen <Thundiyil.Karen@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Inquiry from Rep. Kuster

Hi Karen, thank you so much! It concerns the Merrimack Station Plant in Bow, NH. A letter our delegation sent last year and the EPA response letter are attached just for reference. As I understand it, this plant is operating off of a permit last issued in the early 1990s. The Obama Administration had sought to re-license the plant with a caveat to install cooling towers, which the Trump Administration reversed. I believe the permit is now being internally reviewed while an appeal from the Sierra Club and the Conservation Law Foundation are pending. We'd very much welcome the opportunity to talk about next steps and get any insights EPA can share about how they are approaching issues with cooling towers and coal plant compliance with the Clean Water Act more broadly under the Biden Administration.

Many thanks,
Sam

From: Thundiyil, Karen <Thundiyil.Karen@epa.gov>
Sent: Friday, February 19, 2021 1:55 PM
To: Cooper-Wall, Sam <Sam.Cooper-Wall@mail.house.gov>
Subject: FW: Inquiry from Rep. Kuster

Hello Sam – thank you for reaching out. Can you share more info about the plant and what kind of license is being sought? Any additional context or background you have would be helpful in making sure you get the info you need.

Take care,

Karen.

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From: Cooper-Wall, Sam <Sam.Cooper-Wall@mail.house.gov>
Sent: Friday, February 19, 2021 10:55 AM
To: OCIRmail <OCIRmail@epa.gov>
Subject: Inquiry from Rep. Kuster

Good morning,

EPA is reviewing relicensing for a coal power plant in my boss's district and I wondered if there is something on the Congressional Relations team I could speak to about how this process works?

Many thanks,

Sam

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